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**From:** Strauss, Alexis  
**Sent:** Mon 8/17/2015 3:51:13 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Impacts of Spill Animas River

Dear Jose,

I so appreciate your thoughtful message – it stayed with me throughout the weekend as we contended with the difficulties of synthesizing the implications of the water quality data we have thus far. I am sharing your kind offer with Enrique, who leads our Superfund Division, and Harry, who leads the emergency response office within Enrique's Division.

While we are focusing on Navajo Nation, we will communicate fully regarding the downstream water quality data as we obtain it. Please don't hesitate to call or email if there's information we could be sending you.

Kind regards, Alexis

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**From:** Angel, Jose@Waterboards [mailto:Jose.Angel@waterboards.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2015 9:31 PM  
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Good evening Alexis. I hope all is well at your end.

Regarding the matter, please forgive us for not contacting you or your staff earlier but quite frankly (1) we did not want to raise fears unnecessarily, (2) felt that USEPA's and DOI's response is dealing with the Animas River spill in a very responsible manner, and (3) the threat to California is insignificant.

That said, the problem at this time in our area is a perceptual one and, therefore, we put our staff on standby in case there is a need for us to assist in addressing that, including Press Release to put the threat to California in proper perspective and assistance with monitoring efforts in California and at the Border with Mexico. If you feel that we can be of any assistance, please let

us know. Take care.

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